

Bachus	Eshoo	Lofgren, Zoe	Ruppersberger	Smith (NE)	Visclosky
Baird	Etheridge	Lowey	Ryan (OH)	Smith (NJ)	Walberg
Baker	Fallin	Lucas	Ryan (WI)	Smith (TX)	Walden (OR)
Baldwin	Farr	Lungren, Daniel	Salazar	Snyder	Walsh (NY)
Barrett (SC)	Fattah	E.	Sali	Solis	Walz (MN)
Barrow	Ferguson	Lynch	Sánchez, Linda	Souder	Wasserman
Bartlett (MD)	Filner	Mack	T.	Space	Schultz
Bean	Flake	Mahoney (FL)	Sanchez, Loretta	Spratt	Waters
Becerra	Forbes	Maloney (NY)	Sarbanes	Stearns	Watson
Berkley	Fortenberry	Markey	Saxton	Stupak	Watt
Berman	Fossella	Marshall	Schakowsky	Sullivan	Waxman
Berry	Fox	Matheson	Schiff	Sutton	Weiner
Biggert	Frank (MA)	Matsui	Schmidt	Tancredo	Welch (VT)
Bilbray	Franks (AZ)	McCarthy (CA)	Schwartz	Tanner	Weldon (FL)
Bilirakis	Frelinghuysen	McCarthy (NY)	Scott (GA)	Tauscher	Weller
Bishop (NY)	Gallely	McCaul (TX)	Scott (VA)	Taylor	Westmoreland
Blackburn	Garrett (NJ)	McCollum (MN)	Sensenbrenner	Terry	Whitfield
Blumenauer	Gerlach	McCotter	Serrano	Thompson (CA)	Wicker
Blunt	Giffords	McCrery	Sestak	Thompson (MS)	Wilson (NM)
Boehner	Gilchrest	McDermott	Shays	Thornberry	Wilson (OH)
Bonner	Gillibrand	McGovern	Shea-Porter	Tiahrt	Wilson (SC)
Bono	Gillmor	McHenry	Sherman	Tiberi	Wolf
Boozman	Gingrey	McHugh	Shimkus	Tierney	Woolsey
Boren	Gohmert	McIntyre	Shuler	Turner	Wu
Boswell	Gonzalez	McKeon	Shuster	Udall (NM)	Wynn
Boucher	Goode	McMorris	Simpson	Upton	Yarmuth
Boustany	Goodlatte	Rodgers	Sires	Van Hollen	Young (AK)
Boyd (FL)	Granger	McNerney	Skelton	Velázquez	Young (FL)
Boyd (KS)	Graves	McNulty	Slaughter		
Brady (PA)	Green, Al	Meehan			
Brady (TX)	Green, Gene	Meek (FL)	Akin	Edwards	Manzullo
Braley (IA)	Grijalva	Meeks (NY)	Allen	Everett	Marchant
Brown (SC)	Hall (NY)	Melancon	Barton (TX)	Feeney	Murtha
Brown-Waite,	Hall (TX)	Mica	Bishop (GA)	Gordon	Pascarell
Ginny	Hare	Michaud	Bishop (UT)	Gutierrez	Radanovich
Buchanan	Hastert	Miller (FL)	Brown, Corrine	Harman	Rangel
Burgess	Hastings (FL)	Miller (MI)	Campbell (CA)	Hinojosa	Rush
Burton (IN)	Hastings (WA)	Miller (NC)	Costa	Hooley	Sessions
Butterfield	Hayes	Miller, Gary	Crowley	Hunter	Shadegg
Buyer	Heller	Miller, George	Cubin	Israel	Smith (WA)
Calvert	Hensarling	Mitchell	Culberson	Johnson (IL)	Stark
Camp (MI)	Herger	Mollohan	Davis (IL)	Johnson, E. B.	Udall (CO)
Cannon	Herseht Sandlin	Moore (KS)	Davis, Jo Ann	Kagen	Wamp
Cantor	Higgins	Moore (WI)	Davis, Lincoln	King (NY)	Wexler
Capito	Hill	Moran (KS)	Doolittle	Larson (CT)	
Capps	Hinchey	Moran (VA)	Doyle	Linder	
Capuano	Hirono	Murphy (CT)			
Cardoza	Hobson	Murphy, Patrick			
Carnahan	Hodes	Murphy, Tim			
Carney	Hoekstra	Musgrave			
Carson	Holden	Myrick			
Carter	Holt	Nadler			
Castle	Honda	Napolitano			
Castor	Hoyer	Neal (MA)			
Chabot	Hulshof	Neugebauer			
Chandler	Inglis (SC)	Nunes			
Clarke	Inslee	Oberstar			
Clay	Issa	Obey			
Cleaver	Jackson (IL)	Olver			
Clyburn	Jackson-Lee	Ortiz			
Coble	(TX)	Pallone			
Cohen	Jefferson	Pastor			
Cole (OK)	Jindal	Paul			
Conaway	Johnson (GA)	Payne			
Conyers	Johnson, Sam	Pearce			
Cooper	Jones (NC)	Pence			
Costello	Jones (OH)	Perlmutter			
Courtney	Jordan	Peterson (MN)			
Cramer	Kanjorski	Peterson (PA)			
Crenshaw	Kaptur	Petri			
Cuellar	Keller	Pickering			
Cummings	Kennedy	Pitts			
Davis (AL)	Kildee	Platts			
Davis (CA)	Kilpatrick	Poe			
Davis (KY)	Kind	Pomeroy			
Davis, David	King (IA)	Porter			
Davis, Tom	Kingston	Price (GA)			
Deal (GA)	Kirk	Price (NC)			
DeFazio	Klein (FL)	Pryce (OH)			
DeGette	Kline (MN)	Putnam			
Delahunt	Knollenberg	Rahall			
DeLauro	Kucinich	Ramstad			
Dent	Kuhl (NY)	Regula			
Diaz-Balart, L.	LaHood	Rehberg			
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lamborn	Reichert			
Dicks	Lampson	Renzi			
Dingell	Langevin	Reyes			
Doggett	Lantos	Reynolds			
Donnelly	Larsen (WA)	Rodriguez			
Drake	Latham	Rogers (AL)			
Dreier	LaTourette	Rogers (KY)			
Duncan	Lee	Rogers (MI)			
Ehlers	Levin	Rohrabacher			
Ellison	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen			
Ellsworth	Lewis (GA)	Roskam			
Emanuel	Lewis (KY)	Ross			
Emerson	Lipinski	Rothman			
Engel	LoBiondo	Roybal-Allard			
English (PA)	Loeback	Royce			

NOT VOTING—46

Edwards	Manzullo
Everett	Marchant
Feeney	Murtha
Gordon	Pascarell
Gutierrez	Radanovich
Harman	Rangel
Hinojosa	Rush
Hooley	Sessions
Hunter	Shadegg
Israel	Smith (WA)
Johnson (IL)	Stark
Johnson, E. B.	Udall (CO)
Kagen	Wamp
King (NY)	Wexler
Larson (CT)	
Linder	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1912

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Madam Speaker, I was absent from this chamber today, due to a health matter in my family. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 448, 449 and 450.

REPORT ON H.R. 2641, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKEY, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-185) on the bill (H.R. 2641) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SUTTON). Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

REPORT ON H.R. 2642, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKEY, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-186) on the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

□ 1915

PASSPORT PROCESSING BACKLOG

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to raise awareness of an issue in our Texas offices and I think around the country: The significant application backlog in the Houston passport office.

Last Friday morning, a number of Members of Congress from Texas and I went to that office. I call on the administration and the State Department to take the necessary steps to alleviate the backlog.

I know in the Houston office, Jacqueline Harley-Bell, the regional director of the Houston Passport Agency, and the staff have been working long days and weekends, and I commend them for their efforts to serve the public because they are understaffed and overwhelmed by the number of applications they are getting.

The Houston office has already issued nearly 11 million passports in the first 5½ months of 2007. That is 3 million more than the 7.9 million that were issued in all of 2006.

The administration needs to provide the resources necessary now for additional workers or funding, to clear the backlog due to the new requirement that folks traveling in North America by plane need to have a passport.

On Thursday the administration changed the requirement, or delayed it, that individuals flying into Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda must only present a State Department receipt they have applied for a passport through the end of September. But this is much later than it should be. People are standing in line from 2 in the morning. People wait in line to get rock concert tickets, not a passport. I hope the State Department and administration will immediately address this problem.

HONORING JOHN BACH

(Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening to honor John Bach, a pillar of our law enforcement community, and a recent retiree from the Kenton County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Bach's career is one that embodies dedication and service to this country. From 1966 to 1970, he served with the 777th Tactical Air Squadron based out of Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, and was also part of the 556th Reconnaissance Squadron in southeast Asia.

After completing his military service, John pursued a degree in business that he completed at Northern Kentucky University. John was quick to answer the call to service in our community. Throughout his career in law enforcement, he protected our communities in the line of duty at the Elsmere Police Department, the Boone County Police Department, the Independence Police Department and the Kenton County Sheriff's Department.

I would like to thank John for his brave service to our Nation and for helping to make the communities of northern Kentucky safer for all of our residents as part of local law enforcement.

Madam Speaker, I would like to wish John and his wife, Linda, all the best as they enter this new chapter of their lives.

PASSPORT PROCESSING BACKLOG

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, on Friday I joined Congressman GREEN, who just spoke, and Congresswoman JACKSON-LEE, who will speak shortly, at the Houston passport office.

Some people had been in line for hours, and some of them had driven hundreds of miles. Most were frustrated and confused. Many had applied months ago to comply with the new passport laws, but the last Congress failed to provide Federal agencies the resources they need to uphold our laws.

These passport delays have inconvenienced thousands across our country. Some State Department estimates range up to 12 weeks or even longer to process passport applications, forcing some people to either cancel travel plans or lose deposits.

We can't have homeland security without adequate resources. It is not enough to talk tough, we must follow through. The State Department has said that it would temporarily suspend the law to some countries so Americans can take their trips. Forcing agencies to suspend laws because they lack the capacity to enforce them sets a dangerous precedent.

We need more agents to provide border security, customs and immigration enforcement officers and Federal pros-

ecutors and immigration judges to uphold our laws. Let's fix this problem now before it gets much worse.

NOE ALEMAN—BORDER AGENT

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, Noe Aleman is a 12-year veteran of the U.S. Border Patrol in the El Paso sector. He and his wife, Isbell, who have no children of their own, plan to adopt his wife's three fatherless nieces from Mexico.

They hired a U.S. immigration lawyer and paid him \$40,000 to help with the process. The girls were given temporary visas, but when they expired after 6 months, Agent Aleman went to the immigration service to find out why.

Aleman was arrested for harboring illegals and making false reports on the application. Apparently the lawyer listed the girls as adults instead of minors. In any event, Aleman was prosecuted and convicted. The girls were arrested and deported back to Mexico and live in an orphanage where they have been for 2 years.

Today, Aleman went to a Federal penitentiary. And yes, he was prosecuted by the same U.S. Attorney's Office, the same judge heard the case as the Ramos and Compean cases.

Unfortunately, every time a border agent is prosecuted in the Western District of Texas, the U.S. Attorney's Office has a credibility problem; and this case is automatically suspect and suspicious.

And that's just the way it is.

PASSPORT PROCESSING BACKLOG

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, just last week I joined my colleagues Congressman GENE GREEN and Congressman NICK LAMPSON on trying to address the ongoing crisis in our communities, because we have a regional office for passports. Overnight stays, early morning arrivals, families crying and families not being able to be reunited, people traveling for hundreds of miles, and the reason is passport backlog because of no extra staff.

Let me thank the staff who work so hard to ensure that those who came could be served. We asked the State Department today to provide us with temporary permanent workers to carry out the responsibility.

I would also say if there are waivers now being made for places like the Caribbean and Canada, I would only beg that information be given to travelers so they don't go to the airport and not have the necessary documentation.

Madam Speaker, I close by saying I am reading today as well that the U.S. military is getting ready to arm the

Sunnis. I would say if the Iraq war has come to this, it is time to bring our soldiers home. This is not the way to run a war.

HONORING SOUTHCO AS ROLE MODEL

(Mr. KUHL of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUHL of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the special environmental achievements of a vibrant small business located in my district.

Southco, a manufacturer of access hardware, has reduced the amount of hazardous waste it generates from more than 3,200 pounds in 2002 to zero just 3 years later in 2005. Through systematic changes in their manufacturing process, they have completely ceased producing hazardous waste.

Moreover, Southco has committed to reducing its consumption of electricity by 15 percent over the next 3 years. Clearly Southco is a role model for our Nation's businesses when it comes to preserving our precious resources. There is a lot of talk about environmental conservation and energy independence, but through innovative thinking, Southco has delivered tangible results in the private sector and provided an excellent example.

This month, the Environmental Protection Agency has made Southco a member of its National Environmental Performance Track Program, designed to honor leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to reducing their negative impact on the environment.

I would like to personally thank Southco for being an excellent corporate citizen.

Madam Speaker, Southco is a leader in these efforts, and deserves our praise for its forward-thinking, socially conscious practices.

CONGRATULATING THE CEDAR VALLEY, IOWA

(Mr. BRALEY of Iowa asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening as a proud resident of Waterloo, Iowa. Recently, Forbes named the Waterloo-Cedar Falls metro area as the "13th best place for business and careers" among small metro areas in the United States.

There is nothing unlucky about this number 13. I have lived in Waterloo for almost 25 years, and I can tell you from experience that the people of the Cedar Valley have made all of the difference there. The last decade has brought a renewed commitment to civic improvement, and these investments have paid off.

Investments in things like good schools, an expanding workforce and an